

EPOD NEWS

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MAJOR'S CORNER



Over the last seven months the *Dayton Human Relations Council*, *Dayton Public Schools* and *Metaphorically Speaking* partnered together to host “poetry slams” for students from local high schools. Selected students from such high schools as Ponitz, Belmont, Thurgood Marshall, Meadowdale, Dunbar and Stivers participated in the “slams” which were designed

to encourage students to think critically about their own personal lives, as well as the community and world in which they live. Each student participated individually at their respective high schools, with the top placers moving on to the “Grand Slam” at Sinclair College. At this final event, each student would once again perform their self-authored poetry in front of a large crowd, to include several world famous hip hop artists, where a “Poetry Slam” champion would be crowned.

I personally attended several of the high school “slams,” as well as the grand finale at Sinclair Community College. Just like the poetry slam participants themselves, my thoughts and feelings were on a roller coaster ride with the various spoken word presentations given. I was amazed at the courage of the young people on stage reciting long poems from memory in front of large groups of their classmates, teachers, families and peers. I was saddened by the stories of abuse, neglect, abandonment and bullying. I was inspired by the youths who endured through such personal pain but continue to persevere, not letting such tragic events define who they are or what they can be. I was disheartened that we still live in a world where we judge not on a person’s merit but ra-

ther by the shape of their body, their gender or the color of their skin.

While the poetry slams were mainly designed to provide our youth with a medium to express their feelings in a positive environment, to give them a “public voice” if you will, they also gave us the viewer a glimpse of their life and what they have personally experienced. Many of the poems came straight from the heart, filled with emotion and sincerity.

You see, these were much more than mere words placed on paper and committed to memory, they were the youth’s reality; the toughest times of their lives being transitioned into words and spoken for everyone to hear. And while I still may personally disagree with the delivery of some of the messages given during the “slam”, (I feel that certain hate-filled terms have no place in our society regardless of the speaker or context), the core message delivered through their speech cannot be denied.

A lot of our youths today are experiencing pain, stress, loneliness, confusion, and distrust. Things someone like me may not understand, or be able to easily relate to; things that I would not have learned, or given further thought to, if I hadn’t taken the time to listen.

One of the main guests of the poetry Grand Slam, famous rap artist “Chubb Rock”, phrased it perfectly when he said that a lot of our youth today are in need of something very simple.....love. Please take time to listen to our young people, give them their voice. Let them know that we love them and care about what they have to say.

Take care,
Major Johns

LIEUTENANT'S LINK



If you noticed in early May, police officers across our county took time out of their busy schedules to honor those who died in the line of duty. These men and women were not just officers, but husbands, wives, moms and dads. Some of these officers, like Mary Beall,

had young children who had to grow up without their mom. What they all have in common is they were all taken from us too early in life. In the City of Dayton, since 1880 we have had 24 police officers die in the line of duty, with the latest being Officer Jason Grossnickle in 1996 and Officer Mary Beall in 2002. Most of the officers we have lost have been through crimes of violence against them. We will never forget not just their sacrifice, but sacrifice of their family.

During this time, the Optimist Club presents selected officers with their "Respect for Law" award. In 1965, the International Optimist Club had a meeting with former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover which resulted in the birth of the "Respect for Law" program. This has become one of the Optimist Club's most popular programs. The program was designed to inspire respect for the law among our local young people.

This year we were pleased to have two officers selected from the East Patrol Division to be recipients of this prestigious award. The East Second Street Optimist Club awarded Officer Mistan Bailey with the Respect for Law Award. Even though Mistan is one of our newer officers, she has made a great impact in our neighborhoods. Mistan is always quick to volunteer for assignments and it's not uncommon for her

to go the extra mile for victims of crime. She has also been known to keep tabs on people who are in need and has even purchased food.

Detective Gary Engle is a veteran officer with over 30 years of experience. After many years working in the detective section, mainly our elite homicide squad, he returned to the patrol division to work in the EPOD South. After working on the road for awhile and with the high caliber of investigations he worked on, it was only natural to have him return to the detective ranks, but remain in the East Patrol Division. He has been working as one of our property crimes detectives where he continues to excel. This year he was selected by the East Dayton Optimist Club to receive the "Respect for Law" award.

Both of these officers exemplify what community policing is all about. These are officers who don't just answer calls for service or push paper, but stay actively involved with the community by conducting follow up with victims and continually look for ways to utilize problem solving and creating partnerships to address the crimes occurring in their area.

After May 15, the mourning sashes came off our badges, but as we continue with our daily routines, we never forget the friends we have lost. What I ask from the community is that when you get a chance, say "thank you" to an officer, and if you would say a prayer each day for our men and women who put themselves at risk each day to ensure our community continues to be a safe and great place to live. If you succeed in these requests, I will be forever in your debt.

Thanks and Take Care,
Andy

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MONTHLY CRIME PREVENTION TIP– PROTECT YOUR LAWN

Your garden is not safe from crime. Beautiful flowers and yard décor, yes even Gary the gnome is at risk! These items can easily be stolen by an opportunistic thief looking for a quick dollar or to commandeer for his own garden. Here are some tips to help keep your yard safe:

- Try and choose heavier lawn decorations such as stone statues or wrought iron furniture to make it difficult for a thief to make a quick getaway.
- Install outdoor motion sensor lights around walkways, driveways, and gated areas.
- Place security signs and “Beware of Dog” signs around your property.
- Install surveillance/security cameras.
- Plant prickly plants around your yard ornaments to act as a natural deterrent. Wire lights and other items to bushes.
- Chain or wire your grills, plants & bicycles to secure objects to stationary items such as fence posts or trees.
- Make concrete bases for ornaments and stick them to it before the concrete dries.
- Create a barrier. A fence or row of bushes separating your yard from the neighbors’ houses might prevent people from viewing the contents of your yard and having easy access to your ornaments. If potential thieves cannot see what is in your garden, they are less likely to risk entering it.
- Adopt a homeless pet! They will make a great family companion and serve as an alert if a thief even thinks to step into your yard or onto your porch.
- Lock your garages and gates with padlocks.
- Entertain family or friends on your porch or in your yard. If people are out and about thieves are less likely to target those areas.
- Watch out for your neighbors. If you’re home during the day when your neighbors are working, keep a watchful eye out and report any suspicious activity to the police.

EPOD “Good Neighbor” Award—Mr Daniel Perez

This month’s recipient of the EPOD “Good Neighbor” Award is Mr. Daniel Perez who resides in EPOD South. Daniel is a 19 year old, Wright State University student, majoring in Crime and Justice Studies. He was nominated for this prestigious award by Sergeant Moe Perez and Detective Nathan Curley.

One day during the early fall, while mowing his front lawn, an 82 year old EPOD resident was approached by 3 strange men in their 50’s that had gotten out of a pickup truck. They all spoke to the 82 year old and acted as if they knew him and told him they were there to repair his chimney. The men intimidated him and immediately got a ladder. One of the subjects then spent five minutes on the roof and applied a bead of caulk. He came back down and demanded \$3100.00 for payment. The 82 year old went inside and wrote them a check knowing he was being ripped off. He called police a day later and the crime against the elderly was investigated.

Several months later this same group of con men returned. They attempted to push their way into the 82 year old man’s house, but he reacted and locked his door. He then immediately called a neighbor. The neighbor he called happens to be a Dayton Police Sergeant who was familiar with this case, Sgt. Moises Perez. Perez’s son, Dan-

iel was within an earshot when he got the call. Perez put out a description of the suspects and their truck over the radio, but the suspects had already driven away. Daniel took it upon himself to check the area, as did several police crews and detectives. Daniel located the suspects and their truck not more than two blocks away from the victim’s house. He stood back, observed, and called for police.

As it turns out the suspects were already working on a new victim. All of them were arrested and one of them was wanted in Butler County for the same type of crime. Another had a warrant out of Fairborn for the same crime, and all three had been in prison for crimes against the elderly!

Daniel’s effort made him a “Good Neighbor,” and the victim was overjoyed and relieved the thieves were arrested. For his efforts, Daniel Perez gets a box of world famous chocolates provided by Ester Price Candies on Wayne Avenue in EPOD South, and a dozen delicious donuts from Evan’s Bakery on Troy Street in EPOD North.

Thanks again to Ester Price Candies and Evans Baker for providing the great prizes for this award. We couldn’t do it without you!

- Major Brian Johns

EPOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY—FIELD DAY

Who doesn't like running around with a bunch of kids and getting some fresh air?

We are having Cleveland Field Day on Tuesday 5/27 and Wednesday 5/28.

Tuesday is the wee ones - 1st - 3rd grade and Wednesday is the cool kids - 4th - 5th grade.

You can come for all or part of the school day (9:30-3:30)!

Anyone want to join?

Email me and let me know!

Mary Case
Neighborhood School Center
YMCA Site Coordinator
Cleveland PreK-6
(937) 474-2091
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Join the Dayton Graffiti Task Force

on May 23rd and 24th at 9am at Pence Appliance Store located at East Third Street and Harbine and help with a new mural. The side of this business has been a repeat target to taggers and will now have beautiful new piece of art designed by known artist, Rufino Tamayo.

Help is needed to fill in the design. No experience is necessary and everyone is welcome to join.

To volunteer to help, call Amanda at 259-1898 or email aarington@east-end.org



MIAMI VALLEY
CRIME 222-STOP
STOPPERS



Report Crime or Fugitives

If you have any information concerning person(s) involved in a crime or are wanted by the police - Call our tip line at 222-STOP!



Remain Anonymous

When you call don't give us your name. We won't ask for it. We don't want it. No one will know your name, not even us. You will be assigned a secret code number that is yours to keep.

Rewards up to \$1,000

Rewards are given to caller(s) who offer information which leads to an arrest of a fugitive or solves a crime. The more serious the crime, the higher the amount of the reward.



222-STOP or 1-800-637-5735

The tip line is staffed 24 hours a day or you can reach the Crime Stoppers Coordinator directly at 333-1196 Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm. You can also submit a web tip at MiamiValleyCrimeStoppers.com or text the word "TP400" followed by your message to "Crimes [274637]". If you do not have access to a phone there is one available in front of the Safety Building at 335 W. Third St. Please tell the operator you want to be connected to Miami Valley Crime Stoppers.

EPOD DETECTIVE SPOTLIGHT—DETECTIVE DANIELLE CASH



I'd like to formally introduce you to someone you probably have already heard of, but don't quite know what she really does. She is the creator of the ever popular, "EPOD News", monthly newsletter. The newsletter often highlights other members of the community and co-workers. I felt it's time we highlight and recognize Detective Danielle Cash, a six year veteran of the Dayton Police Department. Det. Cash grew up in Pierce

Township, about 20 minutes East of downtown Cincinnati. She attended High School at St. Ursula Academy and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Criminology from Ohio University. Det. Cash is very energetic and loves people and animals.

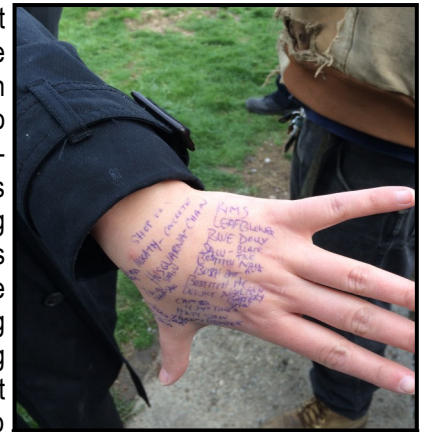
Det. Cash became interested in police work when she was about 4-5 years old. Her oldest sister babysat for her and her sister was a victim of domestic violence. Det. Cash witnessed her sister being abused by her then husband and was exposed to the custody exchanges after her sister got divorced. Det. Cash was thankful the police were there to keep the peace and it made her feel safe. This feeling carried on throughout her life and against the advice of her parents and college professor, who all thought she should stick with her engineering studies, she decided to study Criminology. She interned with the Ohio Adult Parole Authority and the rest is history. She hit the streets as a Dayton Police Officer in July of 2008.

Det. Cash is very enthusiastic and is always willing to learn. She takes extra time and steps to assist citizens. She really enjoys showing citizens how not to become victims of crimes by educating people every chance she gets. She informs citizens in crime prevention tips, methods, and ideas.

One of her earliest and favorite memories from working the street is when she transported a homeless man to the shelter. While seated in the backseat of the cruiser, he hummed to the Little Wayne tune, "Mrs. Officer". He then asked her how he can get a beautiful woman cop like her. Det. Cash responded, "Well first buddy, you're going to need a bath, then you'd need a job, a house, and a car."

Her least favorite memories include the times she has had to tell a citizen that the prosecutor's office has refused charges

against the people that did them wrong for one reason or another, when she's been unable to locate that special family heirloom that was stolen, and witnessing how drug abuse affects everyone, not just the user. She hates seeing family members hurting one another; stating that it makes it difficult to remember that not everyone is cruel.



Det. Cash's emergency notepad during the recovery of a garage full of stolen property in April 2014.

Det. Cash investigates the crimes that are reported daily in the East Patrol Division's North and South Districts. She is also the only female of an eight person detective squad. She is that person quietly working in the background getting the important aspects of criminal investigations done. What I mean is she often volunteers to do some of the daunting tasks. For example imagine categorizing a room full of recovered stolen property. She's not afraid to get her hands dirty. She digs through the evidence and her work often pays off by rejoining the owners to their stolen property. This is what she finds most satisfying about her job. That lists only a fraction of what she accomplishes every single day.

She really likes being a police detective. Det. Cash likes helping people and making a difference. She says she became a police officer because she wants her life to have a purpose. "Even if I've just helped or made a difference to one person, I think it's all worth it."

Outside of work, Det. Cash volunteers as a high school girls lacrosse coach at Chaminade-Julienne High School in Dayton. She also enjoys taking time to visit her family out of town and go on vacations to the beach.

Det. Cash attributes some of her successes to her first supervisor, Sgt. Hammann and her training officers, Don Bogner (ret.) and Karen Clark. She is interested in becoming a member of the Hostage Negotiations Team and the Special Victims Unit at some point in the future.

I am proud of Detective Danielle Cash's many achievements and hope she continues to have a promising career as a City of Dayton Police Officer/Detective.

- Sergeant Moises Perez

EPOD KEY ARRESTS

444 North Bend Boulevard – Between 9:30 AM and 1:45 PM on April 1, 2014, the City of Dayton was the victim of a Theft. The suspect, Jeffery Dalton, took a utility tractor from Kettering Field. The suspect was later observed by an officer driving the tractor near East Third Street. Dalton was arrested and transported to the Montgomery County Jail.



1400 East First Street – On April 2, 2014, at 5:00 PM, a citizen was the victim of a Breaking and Entering. The suspect, Michael Cox, forced entry into this vacant property and took scrap metal. The suspect was witnessed running from the property after it caught on fire. Cox was arrested and transported to the Montgomery County Jail after being interviewed by detectives.

14 South Hedges Street – On April 4, 2014, at 11:50 PM, a citizen was the victim of a Theft from Motor Vehicle. The suspect, Michael Tharp, entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and took four nickels. Officers observed the suspect inside the vehicle as they drove by. Tharp was arrested and transported to the Montgomery County Jail.



246 Oak Street—On Friday, April 11, 2014 at 2:00 am, Michael Tharpe was arrested for GTA after he stole an unattended running vehicle from a pizza delivery driver. Tharpe was located by officers after parking the vehicle and attempting to flee. The victim's cell phone and keys to the car were found on Tharpe when the police stopped him. Tharpe was arrested and taken to jail.



39 North Torrence Street – On April 10, 2014, at 4:22 AM, Techmetals, Inc. was the victim of a Breaking and Entering. The suspect, Jeffery Littler, was observed inside the property attempting to take electrical wiring. The suspect attempted to flee but was quickly apprehended. Littler was arrested and transported to the Montgomery County Jail.

2127 Troy Pike – Between 6:48 AM on April 21, 2014, and 9:30 AM on April 22, 2014, JBK Manufacturing and Development Co. was the victim of a Theft. The suspect, Richard Leet, took several items from the victim's business. Officers located the suspect's vehicle and Leet was arrested.



3627 East Third Street – On April 30, 2014, at 8:32 AM, the City of Dayton was the victim of a Breaking and Entering. The suspects, Shaun McDaniel and Zachary Allison, forced entry into this vacant property and took scrap metal. A neighbor witnessed the suspects loading the stolen property into their vehicle and called police. The suspects were arrested and transported to the Montgomery County Jail.

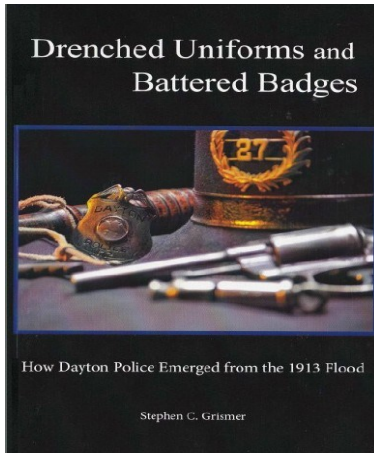


1039 Highland Avenue – On Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 5:01 am Richard Inman and Reginald Woodson were arrested for robbery and burglary after they entered the victim's residence by breaking the glass to the rear door. The suspects then threatened the victim with a gun and attempted to steal items throughout the residence. Officers were able to catch both while they were in the house.



1713 Woodman Drive – On Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 1:00 pm, Robert Lawson stole a key for a vehicle at Select Auto Sales. Lawson came back following day and stole the vehicle. The vehicle was later located at Lawson's residence in Kettering. After an 8 hour stand-off with Kettering PD, Lawson was arrested.

DRENCHED UNIFORMS & BATTERED BADGES



Drenched Uniforms and Battered Badges, the story of the Dayton police force and the 1913 Flood, is now available online at www.CreateSpace.com/4308551 or by going to www.Amazon.com [search by book title]. The color edition of the book is **\$19.95** (+ shipping & handling). A **black & white** edition of the book is also available online for **\$12.95** (+ shipping & handling) at www.CreateSpace.com/4378543 and on Amazon. *Royalties from online sales goes directly to DPH Foundation, Inc.*

This commemorative paperback book - written for the 100th anniversary of the Great Flood - is 114 pages in length and includes more than 70 flood and Dayton police pictures, photographs of 25 Dayton patrolmen and unique images of police artifacts from the period. The book is now printed in South Carolina and is slightly thinner than the original (having to do with the grade of paper) but, as an enhancement to buyers, several more pages, 12 more pictures and a postscript on Gamewell patrol call box system have been added as features to the newer version of the book.

Drenched Uniforms and Battered Badges recounts the role of Dayton police during Ohio's Great Flood of 1913 and how the police force emerged from the catastrophe. This book describes the efforts of the 136 patrolmen who sacrificed a great deal to aid and save the citizens of Dayton. Many acted on their own instincts in the first few days because they were in the field without lines of communication, transportation or supervision. The story also describes the measures taken by police - as well as firemen, civilian guards and the military - to safeguard the city at the time of its greatest natural disaster. The account begins with the development of local police service in the closing decades of the 19th century leading into 1913. It concludes by relating how the Great Flood became a transformative event for the city of Dayton while ushering in profound changes for local law enforcement over the course of the following decade.

Drenched Uniforms and Battered Badges is being sold locally for **\$19.95** at the following locations: **Boonshoft Museum**, **University of Dayton campus bookstore**, **Carillon Historical Park gift shop**, and **U.D. Flyer Spirit gift shop** at 1200 Brown Street. Proceeds are shared between these outlets and Dayton Police History Foundation, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation of local law enforcement history.

If you liked this read, be sure to check out other Dayton Police history books also available at the stores or online!

info@Dayton>PoliceHistory.org or DPHFoudation@woh.rr.com

ONLINE DO IT YOURSELF PROPERTY REGISTRATION—"REPORT IT"

Knowing what you own and recording the identification numbers of your property could mean the difference between recovering or not recovering stolen property. There's now an easy do it yourself service through Leads Online that's available to the citizens of Dayton, Ohio. You may store serial numbers, item descriptions, pictures, and scans of receipts so that your items may be more easily identified in the event of theft or loss.

Just Go to reportit.leadsonline.com and get started recording your property today!

After you register your property, you will be able to access it anywhere. Don't worry, this service is safe and secure. Nobody else can access your information, even law enforcement. In the event you become a victim of theft, just log into your account and get the information you need. This record may also come in handy when reporting any loss to your insurance provider in the case of theft, fire, flood or any other tragedy.

If you're a business owner, don't feel left out! Report It also has features for corporate accounts to inventory tools, equipment, supplies, etc... For information on what's available for corporate accounts, Please Call 1-800-311-2656.

EAST PATROL OPERATIONS

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417 East Helena Street
Dayton Ohio 45404
937-333-1290
Fax : 937-333-2371

EPOD South
2721 Wayne Avenue
Dayton Ohio 45420
937-333-7440
Fax : 937-333-7385

Emergency 911
Dispatch 937-225-4357
937-333-COPS (2677)

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DAYTON'S FACEBOOK PAGE

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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/
CITYOFDAYTON](https://www.facebook.com/cityofdayton)

CITIZEN SAFETY TOOLBOX

Have you checked out the citizen toolbox available on the city website? The Citizen Safety Toolbox has several key features including crime mapping, bicycle and alarm registration, report filing, and submitting anonymous tips. To access the toolbox simply go to the Dayton Police webpage on the city website or go to the following link:

<http://www.daytonohiopolic.com>



OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

For More Information on Operation Identification, or to get on board with the program, Contact Officer Patterson at 333-7430 or Officer Grieshop at 333-2387 for more details.



NIXLE

To Receive text message or email alerts about crime in your area, sign up for the free Nixle service at www.nixle.com

RIGHT OF ENTRY



All City of Dayton
Police Officers are
authorized to advise any
person to leave these premises.

Failure to leave the premises
after being instructed may
result in an arrest for trespass
after being warned.

In an effort to work with the community to address quality of life issues, the Dayton Police Department has established a procedure to enable police officers to work with business, rental, and vacant property owners to enforce Criminal Trespassing laws.

Every business and rental property owner that participates in the ROE Program will complete a Right of Entry Agreement. Upon entry into the program, ROE stickers will be visible on the property to inform officers that a current Right of Entry Agreement is on file. The stickers also deter potential trespassers and minimize the threat of criminal activity due to the property owner's partnership with the department.

For more information on the program or to become part of the program, please contact your district crime prevention officer.